

I've heard of, the questions that have been raised are difficult legal questions, and that is going to be the kind of assistance that the committee is going to need. So, I'm going to withdraw the amendment on the theory that we are all...have all reached pretty much a consensus on this. If there is anybody here that has violent objections to that intent, I would like to hear from them, and I may reintroduce the amendment to get a resolution of the matter. But in an effort to move this thing quickly, if there is, in fact, an evolving consensus as is perceived, I will withdraw the amendment at this time, having stated what the intent of the Executive...or what my intent would be in terms of recommendations to the Executive Board both on the matter of appointments and on the matter of research assistance to this special committee. Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler is withdrawing his amendment. We are back to the Landis amendment. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. I would like to ask Senator Beutler a point for clarification, even though he's withdrawing the amendment. Senator Beutler, when you finished did you say that you were going to recommend or ask for a \$20,000 appropriation for this study, or that it was the agreement among those concerned that you would not need it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It would be my recommendation that we do hire outside legal counsel to assist in this matter, and that the amount of money that may be necessary for that would not be more than \$20,000, hopefully, would be considerably less than \$20,000.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, where would the 20,000 come from?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The \$20,000 would have to come from a deficit appropriation. I would submit a request for a deficit appropriation on the floor. Senator Higgins, I may not have to do it for the entire \$20,000. We may be able to squeeze out \$10,000 from other areas of legislative expenditure. But I'm just putting the Legislature on notice now that the money is tight and that this may have to be done.

SENATOR HIGGINS: The only thing I would offer on it, Senator Beutler, is from 7:00 until 9:00 a.m. this morning